

To have one's mentality stirred by the passion for expansion; to be dragged out of the narrow rut of ignorance; to feel one's life grow larger, wider, and fuller,—this is success.

Whatever you do, choose an occupation which has expansiveness in it, which will keep you out of a rut, which will develop you along your higher manhood, which will call out your highest and noblest qualities. In other words, select a vocation which will make you more of a man or woman, whether there is money in it or not.

Missions

Chicago Mission

I recently had a very pleasant sojourn of a few days with brother Noah Flora of Des Moines, Ia., who is pastor of the Dallas Center church, where he and his faithful wife have labored for more than twenty years, and built up a good substantial congregation of believers among whom it is a pleasure to labor, and profitable both spiritually and socially to meet with. I preached as best I could for them over a Sunday. The evening service being devoted to the missionary work, after which a collection was taken. Contributions and collections amounting to something more than \$13 00. Several spoke to me about holding a missionary convention for them this fall, which we are praying the Lord may enable us to do. Brother Flora is also overseer of the church at Aurelia, Iowa, which we visited the 23rd of June, and held a communion for them, and baptized a promising young man, and by the unanimous desire of the church ordained sister Katie Parker to the ministry. Sister Parker has been preaching for them for several years and is an earnest worker. I remember her as a very devout sister and whose work and influence tells in the community. A few days after the communion service at Dallas Center, Brother Flora baptized six converts and received four by relation, and since that time has received into the church by baptism Sister Darling, Brother Roger Darling's mother. While at Dallas Center I had the pleasure of a visit with Brother Rodger Darling who was spending his vacation at his old home. The above is not exactly mission news, but as it is in my district I give it as news.

On the way home I stopped at Brooklyn, Ia., renewed old acquaintances, and preached for them at a mid week evening service. They, too, are always interested in missions. Collection and contributions of \$5.40 was taken.

The mission held its annual picnic for the children on the 20th of July, which was a day of rejoicing for the children, and I think much enjoyed by those of the older folks who were able to be present. It was in every way a pleasant and we hope profitable day.

Of visitors who have recently called on us

we mention the following: Sister Wilson of Elkhart, Ind., and also a brother from Indiana whose name escaped memory called during my absence in Iowa. Brother Gnagey, our esteemed editor, spent a day with us which was appreciated, while on his way to visit some of the churches in the west.

Last week we had the pleasure of the presence of brother Samuel Lichty and wife, of Falls City, Neb., accompanied by baby Ruth. Brother and Sister Lichty need no introduction to those who peruse the missionary and educational news departments of the EVANGELIST, for they are among the aggressive spirits of our beloved fraternity in the spread of the gospel, and general advancement of the cause of the Master. They were on their way to Pennsylvania. Brother Lichty was suffering prostration from the recent excessively hot weather that has prevailed over the country for some weeks. But the cool, bracing breeze from Lake Michigan built him up considerably the two days they were in the city. Brother Darling, pastor of the church in Pittsburg, and Brother Welty, pastor of the church at Lanark, were also callers last week, Brother Darling on his way home from vacation. Brother Welty preached for us last Sunday morning. Come again brethren. Our friends are always welcome.

Several of our children members of the Sunday school are in the country during vacation, and we hear they are having a good time. The excessively hot weather, has of course caused a dropping off in attendance at Sunday school and somewhat at the other services, but not appreciable. A week ago last Sunday the attendance at Sunday school was forty-three, and it was a very hot day. Not being present last Sunday can not say what the attendance. The Sunday afternoons have been so very warm we have not pushed the junior service, thinking that if the children attended the morning services, that would suffice until the weather became tolerable. Very many prostrations have occurred in the city from heat; and not a few deaths.

The recent appeal by Brother Cassel and myself, for funds for the work of the missions were nobly responded to from several quarters, and we thank you brethren for your liberality, and assure you that we appreciate it, and feel that the Lord will reward you. But we still lack a sufficiency to ballance up all arrears, and relieve the stress entirely, which we would like to do before the close of the conference year, or at least before conference meets. Will not those churches that have not yet done so, take up special offerings, and also individuals who have not contributed what you feel to be your quota, send it now and help us to even up before conference. It is gratifying to know that those churches that are in closest touch with missionary work and workers, and know most about it, are by far the most liberal givers. God blessed them, and will bless them. Already some four or five churches

in the West have asked us *definitely* to hold missionary conventions in their congregations this fall, and we are praying the Lord to open the way by which such meetings may be held for them, and all other congregations desiring them. I am recently in receipt of a letter from a sister in Colorado telling me that my good old mother now approaching eighty years of age is growing feeble, and wishes to see me so much. I feel that I should go, as I have felt for several years, but have postponed it sometimes for lack of means, that could be spared, and other times for lack of time. Just how it will be this time I can not see, now, but hope I may soon. I am the youngest child. It has been nine years this autumn since I left her for the work of the church in Illinois, and those nine years have been entirely devoted to the work of the Master, in the pulpit, in the young people's work, and in the mission field. With tongue, pen and hands. We have thanked the Lord daily for those nine years of privilege and blessing, and pray for more. Pray for us.

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From the National Capital

Brethren Lichty, Yoder and Holsinger "dropped in" very unexpectedly last week and made us a short call. They had spent a part of two days in this city sightseeing, but did not wish to leave without seeing the church property. I was glad to meet them and to show them our church home, but sorry they had such a short time with us. They were returning to Ashland from their visit to New England. We are quite anxious for the time to come when they shall have completed their theological course at Ashland and the church be permitted to share the benefits of their arduous preparation for this great work. The harvest is still great and successful laborers still few. May they be richly blessed and prove a great blessing in their high and holy calling.

Last night was our quarterly business meeting tho held somewhat in advance of the appointed time by reason of the fact that later in the month there would probably be a greater number absent from the city than at present. Everything passed off pleasantly. Surely we have great reason to feel thankful for the spirit of love and unity that has characterized all of our meetings and work in this city from the beginning. No work can prove a failure when harmony and peace prevail. Your unworthy servant was chosen by unanimous vote to represent the work at National Conference. We are looking forward to that time with pleasing anticipations hoping and trusting that it will be the best conference we have ever had. Let us all be engaged in prayer that it may be a season of wonderful refreshing from the Lord.

Our meetings are still well attended considering the season of the year. There is much sickness at present and the heat excessive much of the time. And now just a